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CHEROKEE FOR THE AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652:N/A

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR PRESIDENT NYERERE

1. PLEASE DELIVER TO PRESIDENT NYERERE THE FOLLOWING  
MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORD.

2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: I HAVE JUST RECEIVED WORD OF IAN SMITH'S STATEMENT IN SALISBURY AND WANT TO TELL YOU HOW PLEASED I AM THAT THE DECADE OLD DREAM OF ZIMBABWEAN INDEPENDENCE IS IN THE PROCESS OF BEING REALIZED AND THAT AN ISSUE SO IMPORTANT TO YOU AND THE FUTURE OF AFRICA IS FINALLY ON THE ROAD TO SOLUTION. I AM SATISFIED THAT THE CONDITIONS FOR A SETTLEMENT HAVE BEEN LAID AND THE DOOR IS OPEN FOR STATESMEN LIKE YOURSELF TO BRING THE PROCESS TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION. THERE IS NOW AN OPPORTUNITY FOR AFRICANS TO BRING ABOUT A SETTLEMENT IN PEACE AND WITHOUT FOREIGN MILITARY INTERVENTION.

3. I AM ESPECIALLY GLAD THAT THE IDEAS YOU ADVANCED  
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FOR A SETTLEMENT AND THE ADVICE YOU GAVE MY SECRETARY

OF STATE CONTRIBUTED TO THE PROPOSALS WHICH THE RHODESIAN  
AUTHORITIES ACCEPTED. THE UNITED STATES IS PLEASED TO

HAVE PLAYED A PART IN BRINGING MATTERS THIS FAR. I  
UNDERSTAND THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WILL CONTACT YOU  
SHORTLY TO DEVELOP WAYS TO BEGIN THE NEXT STAGE -- DIRECT  
TALKS BETWEEN RHODESIANS WITH A VIEW TO ORGANIZING AN  
INTERIM GOVERNMENT FOR RHODESIA. WE WILL CONTINUE TO  
OFFER OUR SUPPORT TO WHATEVER COURSE OF ACTION YOU  
BELIEVE IT IS ADVISABLE FOR US TO TAKE.

4. I HOPE THAT ADVANTAGE WILL BE TAKEN OF THIS UNIQUE  
OPPORTUNITY BY ALL THE PARTIES, AND THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS  
WILL BE PURSUED IN THE SPIRIT OF MAGNANIMITY. I AM  
SENDING SIMILAR MESSAGES TO THE OTHER FRONTLINE PRESI-  
DENTS. YOU HAVE MY BEST WISHES IN THE DECISIVE WEEKS  
WHICH LIE AHEAD. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. END TEXT.

KISSINGER

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